4/2/66 Spoke to Sauvage by phone 3/27/66. I am to let him know in advance when I'll be in NY so we can get together. He expects a contract now from World, which a year ago rejected his book. He doesn't want to jinx himslef (a little superstitious) but apparently the translation has started or is about to.

He had a contract with Random House from which they withdrew when they asked him how critical he intended to be. They apparently were willing to stand for a little meaningless criticism, which could make them feel proud of themselves, but were entirely unwilling to do any serious criticism. I am reminded for their given reason for rejecting mine!